Representation of Organisation on the Expert Committee on Tobacco

2296. SHRI S. AUSTIN:
SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of medical organisations or health establishments given representation on the Expert Committee on Tobacco of your Ministry;

(b) whether AIIMS has been given representation;

(c) the details of such representation given to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi;

(d) the background of the representatives who have been asked to give their opinion on the beedi industry in Tamil Nadu; and

() whether Tamil Nadu Government willalso be represented, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Six medical experts/ organisations are represented on the Expert Committee on Tobacco.

(b) and (c) A professor of Cardiology at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences is a member of the Expert Committee on Tobacco.

(d) and) The Expert Committee consists of economists, medical scientist and institutes concerned with tobacco and tobacco products. There is no proposal at present to include State representatives.

Purchase of SM-90 missiles from France

2297. SHRI KANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH:
SHRI SURYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the latest position in regard to purchase of SM-90 missiles from France;

(b) the reasons for France not selling the missiles to India; and

(c) the steps taken to procure such missiles from other sources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No such missile is known to exist in France.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Issue of scrolls to NCC Officers

2298. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a reprsentation by All India N.C.C. Officers's Association has been received by Government with a request to issue scrolls of commission to N.C.C Officers;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government had approved the form of Commission to be issued to N.C.C. Officers serving on or after 26th January, 1950 (Fifty) as notified through G.O.I. Notification, dated 16th June, 1951;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for not issuing the said commission scrolls to N.C.C Officers; and

(d) what remedial steps have been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) a representation regarding issue of scrolls of Commission to the NCC Officers was received was in August 1993 from self styled and unrecognised All India NCC Officers' Associaton.

A Commissioning Scroll is issued to Commissioned Officers of Armed Forces of Defence on behalf of the President of India. A notification No. 773 was published in Gazette of India on 16th June, 1951, approving forms for grant commission i.e., a scroll for NCC officers serving on or after June 26, 1950.

So far as Associate NCC Officers (ANOs) are concerned, the postion is

that they are part time NCC officers, & are basically employees of private/Govt. educational instituions. These officers during the stint of thier NCC service are commissioned/discahrged/ recommissioned 2/3 times, due to their transfer/Posting/re-remployment etc., with other institutions.

In view of the above it has not been found practicable and feasiable to issue scrolls to the part time ANO's. In this situation no further action seems to be required.

National Seminar on Eye Donation

2299. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Seminar on Eye Donation was held in the Capital on 2nd July, 1995;

(b) who had organised this Seminar and what were the recommendations made; and

(c) what follow up action Government propose to take for the implementation of these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A National Seminar on Eye Donation was organised on 2nd July, 1995 by a Voluntary Society named Mahavir Internation. It made the following suggestions:—

(1) To launch a media campaign which should be on par with the of AIDS prevention and drug de-addition.

(2) Bill boards regarding eye donation and eye pledging should be put up at hospitals and at mortunary gates. NGOs should be involve and encouraged to put up these boards.

(3) Blood relatives of the actual eye donors should be given preferential treatment in eye hospitals or for grafting of corner on showing their eye donor card.

(4) A chapter on eye donation should be included in the curriculums of schools and organise talks, audio-visual shows on the subject in colleges.

(c) Activities under the National Programme for Control of Blindness (NPCB) also include, among other things, component on Information, Education and communication (IEC) and development of infrastructure for eye Banks. Under NPCB, one time non-recurring assistance of Rs. 1.50 lakhs and an annual recurring assistance of Rs. 0.50 lakh is given for the development o/ maintenance of Eye Banks in voluntar/ sector. Besides a National Fortnight fom 25th August to 8th September is beig observed every year since 1986, with a view to motivate people for Jye Donation. Five new Eye Banks are proposed to be set up under the Programme during the current finacial year.

Medical Equipments Worth Crores of Rupees lying Idle

2300. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY:
SHRI G. PRATHAPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Rs. 160 crores with medical equipment lying idle" appearing in the "Sunday Times" dated th 30th April, 1995;

(b) is so, the reaction of Governmentthereto; and

(c) the steps taken / Government tomake these equipmer operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEAPRTMENTS OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.